Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Am I right in taking that the licensee purchased under the conditions set forth in the Gazette ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—It is a matter of inference.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The rates were published in the Gazette. I would like to know whether the licensee did not purchase in auction under the terms of the notification.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—There was no auction, but only tender.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The tender was accepted under the terms notified in the Gazette ?

President.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what was the reason for changing the rates after the tender was accepted ?

President.—The tender, as stated in the notification, was a mistake. Originally the rates were different, and a mistake was committed in the tender, notification, and that was brought to the notice of the Government by the tenderer, and Government thought that it would be proper that the original rates must be restored.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—If the correct rates were published in the Gazette, would not better tenders have been forthcoming ?

President.—That is a hypothetical question which is not admissible.

Officers in Government Service.

246. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention :—

(a) the total number of caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians (4) Muslims and (5) Jews in the Government service drawing Rs. 25 and above per month in the (A) beginning and (B) end of last year;

(b) how many from each of the above five groups were in each Department (i) in the beginning and (2) at the end of last year ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b). The information collected is contained in the statements appended (*vide Appendix I*).

Application from trained candidates.

247. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention :—

(a) whether those who have undergone private training

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will not be preferred to those who have not undergone any training in giving appointments in the Educational Department; and if not, why not;

(b) how many applications were received in the last two years from those who have undergone private training for appointment in the Educational Department;

(c) of these applicants how many have been appointed?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes. Ordinarily.

(b) and (c). The information is not ready.

Appointment of Assistant Professors and Tutors in the Maharaja's College.

248. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether, in the vacancy of Prince Kerala Varma in the Mathematics Department of the Maharaja's College, any Assistant Professor has been appointed; and if not, why not;

(2) who is the next senior man entitled for promotion to the place vacated by Prince Kerala Varma—is it Tutor Ramanatha Ayyar or Tutor Gopala Panikkar of the Mathematics Section;

(3) whether the Principal has made any recommendations in the matter of filling up this vacancy; and if so, whom all has he recommended;

(4) whether the Principal's recommendations have been considered by the authorities concerned; and if so, with what result?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai. (1) No; the question is under consideration.

(2) Vide the concluding part of the answer to part (1).

(3) Same as the answer to part (3) of question number 194.

(4) No answer called for in view of the answer to part (3).

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know how long you have been considering this question?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We are expecting a report from the University Commission and the orders on the Special Finance Committee report.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is about the consideration of the appointment of a substitute for Prince.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—They have a fixed grade. To carry on the work we have appointed a man.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—You have appointed an Assistant Professor.

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